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Arizona Department of Transportation Announces Start of Construction on U.S. 191, Ten Ranch Road to Owl Canyon

Safford, AZ – The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Safford District announces Bison Contracting Co., Inc. has begun construction on improvements to U.S. 191, Segment III (from Ten Ranch Road to Owl Canyon). The construction area lies approximately 27 miles south of Safford in Graham County, beginning at milepost 94.34 and extending north about 3.52 miles to approximately milepost 97. Work is projected to be complete in December 2008.

Improvements will create a new section of divided, four-lane highway, and include construction of two northbound lanes east of the current roadway, resurfacing of the existing roadway (which will become southbound lanes at project's end), and improved drainage and erosion control. Drainage improvements include construction of one new box culvert, extension of nine concrete box culverts, installation of 32 new pipes, extensions of 15 pipes and relocation of one pipe.

Construction is complete on Segments I and IV of the U.S. 191 Roadway Improvement Project, resulting in new sections of divided, four-lane highway. Improvements included construction of two northbound lanes east of the current roadway, resurfacing of the existing roadway (which became southbound lanes), and improved drainage and erosion control, including new and extended box culverts, and new and extended drainage pipes.

Improvements are part of ADOT's long-range plan to improve U.S. 191 from Interstate 10 to Safford. The Federal Highway Administration and ADOT are funding improvements to U.S. 191.

Traffic Alert

The contractor has begun placing fencing along the construction area and traffic control barrier at box culvert extensions from milepost 94.34 to approximately milepost 97. Work began at the south end of the project and is progressing northward. Traffic delays will occur periodically throughout construction, and speed limits are reduced to 45 mph in active work areas and 55 mph within the overall project area. Please use caution, observe speed limits, and watch for workers and construction equipment on the roadway.

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